GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Dept. – Forest Clearance - Diversion of 0.32 ha of forest land in Compartment Nos.1014, 1015 & 1017 of Salivendula RF and Compartment No.1029 of Salivendula Extn 'A & B ' RF, Chitvel Range, Annamayya Division for laying underground Optical Fibre Cable within the existing Right of Way (RoW) between Rajampet-Rapur, for providing 4G Mobile Communication Services in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Vijayawada – Final approval accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 47 **Dated: 05-11-2024**

Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15026/6/2023-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated 10.10.2023.
2. State Govt.Lr.No.2408/Sec.II/2023/2245184, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dated 12.03.2024.
3. From the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada, online proposal No.FP/AP/OFC/438268/2023, dated 25.03.2024.
4. From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur Dist., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15026/6/2023-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated 14.08.2024.
5. State Govt.Lr.No.2408/Sec.II/2023/2245184, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dated 03.10.2024.
6. From the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada, online proposal No.FP/AP/OFC/438268/2023, dated 14.10.2024.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur Dist, has submitted a proposal seeking prior approval from the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for "diversion of 0.32 ha of forest land in Compartment Nos. 1014, 1015 & 1017 of Salivendula RF and Compartment No.1029 of Salivendula Extn 'A & B' RF, Chitvel Range, Annamayya Division for laying underground Optical Fibre Cable within the existing Right of Way (RoW) between Rajampet-Rapur, for providing 4G Mobile Communication Services in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Vijayawada" and the same has been sent to the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada for according in-principle approval under Section-2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 vide letter 2nd read above.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada, have accorded in-principle approval under Section-2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for the above proposal, subject to the fulfillment of relevant conditions stipulated therein.

3. In the letter 4th read above, the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur District, has furnished the compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the "in-principle approval" for onward submission to the GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada for according 'Final' approval Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the proposal. The same has been forwarded to the GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada for according 'Final' approval to the proposal vide letter 5th read above.

4. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada have accorded "Final approval" under Section-2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for "diversion of 0.32 ha of forest land in Compartment Nos. 1014, 1015 & 1017 of Salivendula RF and Compartment No.1029 of Salivendula Extn 'A & B' RF, Chitvel Range, Annamayya Division for laying underground Optical Fibre Cable within the existing Right of Way (RoW) between Rajampet-Rapur, for providing 4G Mobile Communication Services in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Vijayawada", subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions stipulated therein.

5. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur Dist, for "diversion of 0.32 ha of forest land in Compartment Nos. 1014, 1015 & 1017 of Salivendula RF and Compartment No.1029 of Salivendula Extn 'A & B' RF, Chitvel Range, Annamayya Division for laying underground Optical Fibre Cable within the existing Right of Way (RoW) between Rajampet-Rapur, for providing 4G Mobile Communication Services in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Vijayawada", subject to the following conditions:-

1. General Conditions

Sl.No.	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
1.2	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less;
1.3	No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
1.4	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
1.5	The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
1.6	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
1.7	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
1.8	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
1.9	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
1.10	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.32 ha** ;
1.11	The State Government shall ensure settlement of rights under the scheduled tribes and other Traditional forest dwellers (Recognition of forest rights) Acts 2006;
1.12	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area;
1.13	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Regional Office by the end of March every year;
1.14	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife;
1.15	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant;

2. Standard conditions

Sl.No.	Conditions
2.1	"N/A"

3. Specific Conditions

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3.1	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details;
3.2	The State Govt./User Agency shall ensure that the conditions stipulated by SBWL is strictly complied with;
3.3	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer;

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri,
Guntur District.

Copy to:

The Inspector General of Forests,
ROHQ, MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110 003.

The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of
Regional Office, Chennai, Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada – 520 010.

The DGM-RoW, M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Pvt.Ltd.,
2nd Floor, KBR Heights, Vijayawada.

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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER